

NEWYORK CITY

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Dear Mon Toy:

We were so pleased to get your wonderful letter also the program. Got a mighty big chuckle out of conditions in Miami and the competition for our friend....

Well, our clam-bake finally opened officially last night, and we're damn glad..nothing but rehearsals every day and then doing two show s every night...A new producer for the LQ, Lee Sherman from the Roxy staff.. He didn't quite understand the usual set-up at the LQ...Mr. Walters usually knows exactly what he wants and usually conflicts with the dance director who might have other ideas..That's why MMe. Komarova does so well at the LQ, she has worked so long with Walters, she gives him what he wants, even though it hurts her taste...

We're doing an Adam and Eve thing called 'Seduction'...a terrific idea, but they had me doing the Adam to an Eve that was over six foot tall and grotesque in a 'fright wig'..the audience was calling her Sparkles Plenty from the Dick Tracy comic strip...Or else, 'Adam and Evil'....Well, I finally talked Walters into an new Eve..and it is much better..The setting is lovely too, and music has a background of a man reciting Omar Khyam... The show is full of girl singers, Linda Lombard, Ernestine Mercer and then Frank Libuse's stooge Margot Brandon who sings opera...then the Ben Yost 'vikings and then some more singing.. A spanish ballet of six boys and six girls in addition to the LQ lovelies.. It is overlong, but guess he will be using the scissors pretty quick...

Rene Arnaut stopped in the other night with a party from the Roxy, where they are playing including Sammy Rauch...He is just as giddy as ever, and made a bee-line for the LQ girls...He must have done some wolfing when he worked here...

The weather here is 69 degrees....An mild as spring..though it cant last forever.....Several letters from Florida complaining of 'no sun'...guess thats OK with people that own mink coats!....

We sub-let Gail Bennett's apartment on 86th street off Riverside

while she is in Havana with the Lou Walters show....She said she may go to Mexico City on a visit also....Apartment is too damn expensive though, 220. per month...without the extras... We've been so damn busy at the club, we haven't had much chance to enjoy it, outside of sleeping about five hours per night...

Walters send each girl in the show a dozen American Beauty roses last night after the opening...Girls were lamenting they would have preferred a ten dollar note instead...so you see, they are the right type of girls for my new establishment. I haven't set up yet..it takes time to scout around and find out where the best locations are..If you are a good girl and prove to have an appreciation for acquiring things that count (like diamonds, etc.) might let you have the west side of 11th Ave when you come back...

You should get after Miles to get you into the LQ starting July show.. By that time, the place will need a shot in the arm for something really different in singers....You should be a natural in this room...

We ran into Kathryn Chang at Gus n Andy's one evening..she looked like a million dollars in fancy wardrobe....

Do write when you find time...Hope we are still in New York when you get back...is your show going on the road....or breaking up after Miami..and will you have to go with it on the road...Marianne said something about Minsky owning her body and soul for the next twelve months....Haven't seen Miles yet..but then he never does come to our openings at the LQ...

Love from Jeanne and Jerry..

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